WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of encrypting a shared document, comprising:

    under control of an encryption server system,

        generating a ECC public/private key pair for the encryption server system;

    under control of a client system,

        requesting a Java® encryption applet from the encryption server system;

        requesting an encryption server system EEC public key from the encryption server system;

    under the control of the encryption server system,

        transmitting the Java® encryption applet to the client system over a secure channel;

        transmitting the encryption server system EEC public key to the client system over a secure channel;

    under control of a client system,

        receiving the Java® encryption applet from the encryption server system over a secure channel;

        receiving the encryption server system EEC public key from the encryption server system over a secure channel;

        installing the Java® encryption applet on the client system;

        running the Java® encryption applet on the client system to generate a Triple DES symmetric key;

        encrypting a clear text document with the Triple DES symmetric key, thereby creating a cipher text document;

        creating a relationship between the cipher text document and the Triple DES symmetric key;

        encrypting Triple DES symmetric key with the encryption server EEC public key, thereby creating an encrypted Triple DES symmetric key;

        creating a relationship between the cipher text document and the encrypted Triple DES symmetric key;

        transmitting the cipher text document to the encryption server system;

33	transmitting the encrypted Triple DES symmetric key to the encryption
34	server system;
35	transmitting the relationship between the cipher text document and the
36	encrypted Triple DES symmetric key to the encryption server
37	system;
38	under the control of the encryption server system,
39	storing the cipher text document in a storage medium;
40	storing the encrypted Triple DES symmetric key in a storage medium;
41	and
42	storing the relationship between the cipher text document and the
43	encrypted Triple DES symmetric key in a storage medium.

1   2.   The method of claim 1, wherein the secure channel is an SSL channel.

1   3.   The method of claim 1, wherein the Java® encryption applet is
2   installed on a browser.

1   4.   The method of claim 3, wherein the browser is the Internet Explorer®
2   or the Netscape Navigator®.

1   5.   The method of claim 1, wherein the cipher text document is
2   transmitted from the client system to the encryption server system using FTP, and the
3   encrypted Triple DES symmetric key is transmitted to the encryption server system via
4   HTTP.

1   6.   The method of claim 1, wherein the cipher text document is
2   transmitted from the client system to the encryption server system using FTP, and the
3   document is decrypted upon arrival at the server.

1   7.   The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
2   under the control of the encryption server system,
3   storing the relationship between the cipher text document and the
4   encrypted Triple DES symmetric key by making a first and a
5   second entry in a correlation table, the first entry representing the

6   encrypted Triple DES symmetric key, and the second entry

7   representing the cipher text document.

1   8.   The method of claim 7, wherein the first entry is the encrypted Triple

2 DES symmetric key and the second entry is the cipher text document.

1   9.   The method of claim 7, wherein the first entry is a pointer to the

2 encrypted Triple DES symmetric key and the second entry is a pointer to the cipher text

3 document.

1   10.   The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

2   under the control of the encryption server system,

3   decrypting the encrypted Triple DES symmetric key with the

4   encryption server system EEC private key, thereby creating a

5   decrypted Triple DES symmetric key;

6   decrypting the cipher text document with the decrypted Triple DES

7   symmetric key, thereby creating a clear text document; and,

8   storing the clear text document on the encryption server system.

1   11.   The method of claim 7, further comprising the steps of:

2   under the control of the encryption server system,

3   using the first entry in the correlation table to retrieve the encrypted

4   Triple DES symmetric key;

5   decrypting the encrypted Triple DES symmetric key using the

6   encryption server system EEC private key, thereby creating a

7   decrypted Triple DES symmetric key;

8   decrypting the cipher text document with the decrypted Triple DES

9   symmetric key, thereby creating a clear text document;

10   storing the clear text document on a storage medium; and

11   making a third entry in the correlation table, thereby creating a

12   relationship between the cipher text document, the clear text

13   document and the encrypted Triple DES symmetric key.

1   12.   The method of claim 11, wherein the third entry is the clear text

2 document.

1   13.   The method of claim 11, wherein the third entry is a pointer to the

2 clear text document.

1   14.   The method of claim 7, further comprising the steps of:

2   under control of the client system,

3   requesting the cipher text document from the server;

4   under control of the encryption server system,

5   using the first entry in the correlation table to retrieve the encrypted

6   Triple DES symmetric key;

7   decrypting the Triple DES symmetric key using the encryption server

8   system EEC private key, thereby creating a decrypted Triple DES

9   symmetric key;

10   inserting the Triple DES symmetric key into a Java® decryption

11   applet;

12   sending the Java® decryption applet to the client system over a secure

13   channel;

14   sending the cipher text document to the client system;

15   under control of the client system,

16   installing the Java® decryption applet on the client system; and,

17   decrypting the cipher text document using the Java® decryption applet,

18   thereby creating a clear text document.

1   15.   The method of claim 14, wherein the Java® decryption applet is

2 installed on a browser.

1   16.   The method of claim 15, wherein the browser is the Internet Explorer®

2 or the Netscape Navigator®.

1   17.   The method of claim 10, further comprising the steps of:

2   under control of the client system,

3   requesting the clear text document from the server;

4   under control of the encryption server system,

5   generating a Triple DES symmetric key;

6   encrypting the clear text document with the Triple DES symmetric

7   key, thereby creating a cipher text document;

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8   inserting the Triple DES symmetric key into a Java® decryption

9   applet;

10   sending the Java® decryption applet to the client system over a secure

11   channel;

12   sending the cipher text document to the client system;

13   under control of the client system,

14   installing the Java® decryption applet on the client system; and,

15   decrypting the cipher text document using the Java® decryption applet,

16   thereby creating a clear text document.

1   18.   The method of claim 17, wherein the Java® decryption applet is

2 installed on a browser.

1   19.   The method of claim 18, wherein the browser is the Internet Explorer®

2 or the Netscape Navigator®.

1   20.   The method of claim 11, further comprising the steps of:

2 under control of the client system,

3   requesting the clear text document from the server;

4 under control of the encryption server system,

5   generating a Triple DES symmetric key;

6   encrypting the clear text document with the Triple DES symmetric

7   key, thereby creating a cipher text document;

8   inserting the Triple DES symmetric key into a Java® decryption

9   applet;

10   sending the Java® decryption applet to the client system over a secure

11   channel;

12   sending the cipher text document to the client system;

13   under control of the client system,

14   installing the Java® decryption applet on the client system; and,

15   decrypting the cipher text document using the Java® decryption applet,

16   thereby creating a clear text document.

1   21.   The method of claim 20, wherein the Java® decryption applet is

2 installed on a browser.

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1   22.   The method of claim 21, wherein the browser is the Internet Explorer®

2   or the Netscape Navigator®.

1   23.   The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

2   under the control of the encryption server system,

3   decrypting the encrypted Triple DES symmetric key with the

4   encryption server system EEC private key, thereby creating a

5   decrypted Triple DES symmetric key; and,

6   decrypting the cipher text document with the decrypted Triple DES

7   symmetric key, thereby creating a clear text document.

1   24.   A method of encrypting a shared document, comprising:

2   under control of a client system,

3   requesting a Java® encryption applet from the encryption server

4   system;

5   requesting an encryption server system EEC public key from the

6   encryption server system;

7   under the control of the encryption server system,

8   transmitting the Java® encryption applet to the client system over a

9   secure channel;

10   transmitting the encryption server system EEC public key to the client

11   system over a secure channel;

12   under control of a client system,

13   receiving the Java® encryption applet from the encryption server

14   system over a secure channel;

15   receiving the encryption server system EEC public key from the

16   encryption server system over a secure channel;

17   installing the Java® encryption applet on the client system;

18   running the Java® encryption applet on the client system to generate a

19   Triple DES symmetric key;

20   encrypting a clear text document with the Triple DES symmetric key,

21   thereby creating a cipher text document;

22   creating a relationship between the cipher text document and the Triple

23   DES symmetric key;

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24   encrypting Triple DES symmetric key with the encryption server EEC

25   public key, thereby creating an encrypted Triple DES symmetric

26   key;

27   creating a relationship between the cipher text document and the

28   encrypted Triple DES symmetric key;

29   transmitting the cipher text document to the encryption server system;

30   transmitting the encrypted Triple DES symmetric key to the encryption

31   server system;

32   transmitting the relationship between the cipher text document and the

33   encrypted Triple DES symmetric key to the encryption server

34   system;

35 under the control of the encryption server system,

36   storing the cipher text document in a storage medium;

37   storing the encrypted Triple DES symmetric key in a storage medium;

38   and

39   storing the relationship between the document and the Triple DES

40   symmetric key in a storage medium.

1   25.   An encryption system for shared documents, comprising:

2 an encryption server system and a client system;

3 the encryption server system,

4   generating a ECC public/private key pair for the encryption server system;

5   transmitting the Java® encryption applet to the client system over a secure

6   channel;

7   transmitting the encryption server system EEC public key to the client

8   system over a secure channel;

9   storing the encrypted document in a storage medium;

10   storing the encrypted Triple DES symmetric key in a storage medium;

11   storing the relationship created between the document and the Triple DES

12   symmetric key in a storage medium;

13 a client system,

14   requesting a Java® encryption applet from the encryption server

15   system;

16	requesting an encryption server system EEC public key from the
17	encryption server system;
18	receiving the Java® encryption applet from encryption server system
19	over a secure channel;
20	receiving the encryption server system EEC public key from
21	encryption server system over a secure channel;
22	installing the Java® encryption applet on the client system;
23	running the Java® encryption applet on the client system to generate a
24	Triple DES symmetric key;
25	encrypting a clear text document with the Triple DES symmetric key,
26	thereby creating a cipher text document;
27	creating a relationship between the cipher text document and the Triple
28	DES symmetric key;
29	encrypting Triple DES symmetric key with the encryption server EEC
30	public key, thereby creating an encrypted Triple DES symmetric
31	key;
32	creating a relationship between the cipher text document and the
33	encrypted Triple DES symmetric key;
34	transmitting the cipher text document to the encryption server system;
35	transmitting the encrypted Triple DES symmetric key to the encryption
36	server system;
37	transmitting the relationship between the cipher text document and the
38	encrypted Triple DES symmetric key to the encryption server
39	system.

1   26.   The encryption system of claim 25, wherein the encryption server

2   system is further comprised of:

3   storing the relationship between the cipher text document and the encrypted

4   Triple DES symmetric key by making a first and second entry in a correlation table, the first

5   entry represents the encrypted Triple DES symmetric key, and the second entry represents the

6   cipher text document.

1   27.   The encryption system of claim 26, wherein the encryption server

2   system is further comprised of:

3   making a third entry in the correlation table, wherein the third entry represents

4 the clear text document;

5   creating a relationship between the cipher text document, the encrypted Triple

6 DES symmetric key, and the clear text document; and,

7   storing the relationship between the cipher text document, the encrypted Triple

8 DES symmetric key, and the cipher text document.

1   28. An encryption system for shared documents, comprising:

2   an encryption server system and a client system;

3   the encryption server system,

4   using the first entry in the correlation table to retrieve the encrypted

5   Triple DES symmetric key;

6   decrypting the Triple DES symmetric key using the encryption server

7   system EEC private key, thereby creating a decrypted Triple DES

8   symmetric key;

9   inserting the Triple DES symmetric key into a Java® decryption

10   applet;

11   sending the Java® decryption applet to the client system over a secure

12   channel;

13   sending the cipher text document to the client system;

14   under control of the client system,

15   requesting the cipher text document from the server;

16   under control of the encryption server system,

17   installing the Java® decryption applet on the client system; and,

18   decrypting the cipher text document using the Java® decryption applet,

19   thereby creating a clear text document.

1   29. An encryption system for shared documents, comprising:

2   an encryption server system and a client system;

3   under control of the encryption server system,

4   generating a Triple DES symmetric key;

5   encrypting the clear text document with the Triple DES symmetric

6   key, thereby creating a cipher text document;

7	inserting the Triple DES symmetric key into a Java® decryption
8	applet;
9	sending the Java® decryption applet to the client system over a secure
10	channel;
11	sending the cipher text document to the client system;
12	under control of the client system,
13	requesting the clear text document from the server;
14	installing the Java® decryption applet on the client system; and,
15	decrypting the cipher text document using the Java® decryption applet,
16	thereby creating a clear text document.

1	30. An encryption system for shared documents, comprising:
2	an encryption server system and a client system;
3	the encryption server system,
4	generating a ECC public/private key pair for the encryption server
5	system;
6	transmitting the Java® encryption applet to the client system over a
7	secure channel;
8	transmitting the encryption server system EEC public key to the client
9	system over a secure channel;
10	storing the cipher text document in a storage medium;
11	storing the encrypted Triple DES symmetric key in a storage medium;
12	storing the relationship created between the cipher text document and
13	the encrypted Triple DES symmetric key in a storage medium;
14	using the first entry in the correlation table to retrieve the encrypted
15	Triple DES symmetric key;
16	decrypting the Triple DES symmetric key using the encryption server
17	system EEC private key, thereby creating a decrypted Triple DES
18	symmetric key;
19	inserting the encrypted Triple DES symmetric key into a Java®
20	decryption applet;
21	sending the Java® decryption applet to the client system over a secure
22	channel;
23	sending the cipher text document to the client system;

24	decrypting the encrypted Triple DES symmetric key using the
25	encryption server system EEC private key, thereby creating a
26	decrypted Triple DES symmetric key;
27	sending the cipher text document to the client system;
28	generating a Triple DES symmetric key;
29	encrypting the clear text document with the Triple DES symmetric
30	key, thereby creating a cipher text document;
31	a client system,
32	requesting a Java® encryption applet from the encryption server
33	system;
34	requesting an encryption server system EEC public key from the
35	encryption server system;
36	receiving the Java® encryption applet from encryption server system
37	over a secure connection;
38	receiving an encryption server system EEC public key from the
39	encryption server system over a secure channel;
40	installing the Java® encryption applet on the client system;
41	running the Java® encryption applet on the client system to generate a
42	Triple DES symmetric key;
43	encrypting a clear text document with the Triple DES symmetric key,
44	thereby creating a cipher text document;
45	creating a relationship between the cipher text document and the Triple
46	DES symmetric key;
47	encrypting Triple DES symmetric key with the encryption server EEC
48	public key, thereby creating an encrypted Triple DES symmetric
49	key;
50	creating a relationship between the cipher text document and the
51	encrypted Triple DES symmetric key;
52	transmitting the document encrypted with the Triple DES symmetric
53	key from the client system to the encryption server system;
54	transmitting the Triple DES symmetric key encrypted with the
55	encryption server system EEC public key from the client system to
56	the encryption server system;

57	transmitting the relationship between the cipher text document and the
58	encrypted Triple DES symmetric key to the encryption server
59	system;
60	requesting the cipher text document from the server;
61	installing the Java® decryption applet on the client system; and,
62	decrypting the cipher text document using the Java® decryption applet,
63	thereby creating a clear text document; and,
64	requesting the clear text document from the server.

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